

**Town of Arlington  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 5/22/07, 7:15 to 10:00 PM, Town Hall Annex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

**Members and Associates Present:** Guillermo Bahamon, Joe Cahill, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Police Lieutenant Paul Conroy, Jeff Maxtutis, Mike Rademacher, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener.

**Members of the Public Present:** Ralph Elwell, David Levy, Owen Callahan, Sue Doctrow

1. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
2. Administration.
  - Ed introduced Lieut. Paul Conroy of Police Department, new member of TAC.
  - April minutes approved unanimously.
  - Thorndike Field expanded parking. Rec. Department is looking at adding to parking at Thorndike to improve circulation pattern and get users' cars off local streets. Have asked TAC for input. Howard will take the lead.
  - Active Planned Projects
    - Appleton Place One Way request—assigned to Mike
    - Overgrown brush at Thorndike Field—may have been taken care of.
    - Library Way—Elisabeth suggested replacing shrubbery on traffic island with shorter plant materials.
    - Work on bikeway at Water St. has been done.
3. TAC/Westminster Recommendations. Elisabeth reported for the Working Group made up of residents and Town officials, which has met to discuss options for addressing problems. TAC unanimously adopted the Short-term Recommendations of the Working Group. Said recommendations will go to the Board of Selectmen on June 4, 2007. Long-term Recommendations were not discussed in detail, and will be taken up at June TAC meeting. John Bean and Elisabeth will approach Lexington regarding the Lowell/Westminster intersection in Lexington to slow down entry traffic.
4. Schools. Dallin—George Street private way possible gift by residents was passed by Town Meeting. Jeff will continue to work with Jack Hurd on getting all 4 homeowners to agree to donate a piece of their land to expand the public way and add a sidewalk. Jeff is meeting with the Dallin principal regarding reducing parking at the crosswalk, moving it back about 10', to increase visibility for walkers. Stratton School has just initiated a "Safe Routes" activity.
5. Crosswalks on Warren. Recommendation made to install crosswalks on Warren at Rawson and Franklin by Elisabeth Voted unanimously to recommend to Board of Selectmen. Scott abstained.
6. One side Parking Update. Franklin north of Warren recommended by Public Works and Police Departments.

7. Irving/Pleasant status. BSC has finished their report to Planning. Recommend adjusting light. Implementation by DPW and Republic ITS. Ed to talk to Jack Hurd about whether Board needs to approve.

8. Town News.

Mass. Ave. Corridor Phase 1. Waiting for approval of contract with FST from Mass Highway. Hope to get started as soon as all contract issues are resolved. Review Committee is being established, to include Jack Hurd (BoS), John Bean (DPW), Kevin O'Brien (Planning), Andrew West (ARB), Ed Starr and Scott Smith (TAC), one from Chamber of Commerce and one East Arlington resident. Ad for resident to go into Advocate next week. Ed asked if we could add someone from Capital Planning Committee.

Zipcar will be submitting their request for spaces at Russell Common Parking Lot to Board of Selectmen. They have a second location at the Global Gas Station on Mass. Ave. next to Walgreen's in East Arlington.

9. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Handouts:

- Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 5/22/07, Active/Planned TAC Projects (5/22/07), Board of Selectmen Requests, 5/22/07, Outstanding Voted Actions, 5/22/07, Memo from Joe Connelly RE. Thorndike Field, May 8, 2007.
- Memo from Jason Sobel and Sam Offei-Addo of BSC Group re. Pleasant Street (Route 60)/Irving Street, May 4, 2007.
- TAC MT. GILBOA, WESTMINSTER AVENUE & LOWELL STREET PROJECT, May 22, 2007
- Minutes of 4/24/07 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting